

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 810

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor Daisy Madison, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Chattanooga, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Daisy Madison, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Chattanooga, is one such individual who has demonstrated the greatest integrity, steadfast leadership, and unwavering dedication in the performance of her duties during her lengthy career in public service; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service with the City of Chattanooga, Ms. Madison served as a staff auditor for the United States General Accounting Office, worked at accounting firm Arthur Anderson & Co., and was internal audit manager for Hamilton County Government and director of financial management for Hamilton County for nearly fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madison was hired as deputy chief finance officer in 1992 by former mayor Gene Roberts. She served with distinction under a succession of mayors, including Jon Kinsey, Bob Corker, Ron Littlefield, Andy Berke, and Tim Kelly; and

WHEREAS, rising through the ranks, Ms. Madison was appointed city treasurer in 2002 and, in 2005, elevated to chief financial officer and administrator of the department of Finance and Administration, where she has continued to serve at the pleasure of each new mayor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madison is most proud of her work creating additional accountability and transparency around how funds are collected and spent at the city level, as well as the

award-winning comprehensive annual reports that help residents better understand the inner workings of local government; and

WHEREAS, for her efforts, Ms. Madison, along with the city, was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting and the award for distinguished budget presentation; she has also been recognized for her work upgrading and maintaining the city's AAA bond rating, which both saves taxpayer money and ensures that more resources flow to city services instead of debt service; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Ms. Madison has served assiduously, exhibiting calm competence, composure under fire, and enduring kindness to those around her; and

WHEREAS, she has proven herself to be wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Daisy Madison, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Chattanooga, for her many years of service to the people of Tennessee, congratulate her upon her well-earned retirement, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.